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Re: US Application No. 09/975,873  
Filing Date: October 12, 2001  
Our Reference: CRD0959  
"Handle Deployment Mechanism for Medical Device And Method"

Dear Examiner,

The following Amendment After Final Rejection responds to an Office Action dated October 4, 2004.

I appreciate your attention and consideration in this matter.

Best regards,

  
Michael W. Montgomery

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, please amend the application  
identified above as follows:

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